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1. WALTER C. BADENDICK MET FOR OVER TWO HOURS WITH SON OF WUCLASSIC/88 IN LOCAL RESTAURANT ON 9 OCT 78. MEETING WAS EXTREMELY WARM AND FRIENDLY, WITH BOTH RECALLING VIGNETTES AND ANECDOTES ABOUT WUCLASSIC/88 (C/88). SON WAS ENROUTE TO AIRPORT TO FLY TO EAST COAST TO FINALIZE PURCHASE OF FARM NEAR CHICO, CA., BUT WAS PLEASED TO TAKE TIME TO MEET BADENDICK AND TALK ABOUT C/88. SON RELATED THAT C/88, ALTHOUGH ENORMOUSLY TALENTED AND AT ONE TIME YOUNGEST MAJOR IN U.S. ARMY, HAD MARRIED SECOND WIFE UNACCEPTABLE TO ARMY AND GAVE UP HIS CAREER BECAUSE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HER AND HIS CHILDREN (SON WAS ONLY OFFSPRING FROM FIRST MARRIAGE). THIS LED TO LENGTHY PERIOD WHICH SON DESCRIBED AS "PURE HELL" FOR C/88, DURING WHICH HE WAS POOR, IN ILL HEALTH AND UNABLE TO UTILIZE HIS CONSIDERABLE TALENTS AS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. DURING LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF ASSOCIATION WITH RTACTION, C/88 WAS ONCE AGAIN IN HIS ELEMENT, WAS DOING PURPOSEFUL AND IMPORTANT WORK AND WAS FULFILLED AT END OF HIS LIFE. SON IS VERY COGNIZANT OF THIS AND HAS VERY GOOD FEELINGS TOWARD RTACTION BECAUSE OF IT. SON WAS INTIMATE CONFIDANT OF C/88, WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD RTACTION MISSION IN 10 [REDACTED] BUT DID NOT REVEAL TARGETS EVEN IN GENERAL, SAID NOTHING OF MODUS OPERANDI, AND DID NOT IDENTIFY BADENDICK BEYOND BEING UNNAMED RTACTION OFFICER POSING AS NEPHEW (THIS LAST IN CASE C/88 SHOULD DIE, SO SON WOULD BE PREPARED TO BACKSTOP BADENDICK AS RELATIVE).

2. REGARDING C/88'S PLAN TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO, SON SAID IT WAS WRITTEN MANY YEARS AGO IN FLORIDA AT TIME WHEN SON IS ABSOLUTELY SURE C/88 HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH RTACTION. IN FACT, SAID SON, HE DOES NOT THINK PLAN WAS DRAWN UP AT ANYONE'S BEHEST,

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BUT RATHER THAT C/88 HAD DISCUSSED GENERAL CUBAN SITUATION WITH SOME ACQUAINTANCES AND THEN HAD ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE WRITTEN UP PLAN. SON REMEMBERS SEEING PLAN WHEN HE MOVED C/88 TO MONTEREY IN MAY 78, BUT IT WAS NOT AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS C/88 HAD DESTROYED IT. BADENDICK NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH RTACTION HAD NEITHER INVOLVEMENT NOR KNOWLEDGE OF PLAN, IT COULD BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION IF IT EVER BECAME PUBLIC AND WERE ASSOCIATED WITH RTACTION. SON SAID IF PLAN SHOULD TURN UP HE WILL EITHER DESTROY IT OR MAKE SURE IT REMAINS HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY; HE IS AWARE OF UNDESERVED HARM IT COULD DO TO INNOCENT RTACTION.

3. SON SAID THAT APARTMENT MANAGER HAD CONTACTED HIM TO SAY THAT THE LOST RANDALL KNIFE HAD BEEN FOUND IN WEEDS OUTSIDE APARTMENT AND WOULD BE RETURNED TO SON. HE IS SURE THAT MANAGER IS PERSON GUILTY OF STEALING C/88'S PERSONAL EFFECTS, BUT HE IS SATISFIED NOW THAT HE HAD KNIFE BACK AND IS PREPARED TO FORGET THE OTHER MISSING ITEMS.

4. SON WAS UNABLE TO AGAIN LOCATE [REDACTED] ⁰⁶ THESIS, WHICH HE BELIEVES WAS DESTROYED BY ONE OF C/88'S DAUGHTERS. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO BADENDICK CONTACTING [REDACTED] POSING AS NEPHEW TO EXPLAIN LOSS OF THESIS AND SAID HE ⁰⁶ WOULD BACKSTOP BADENDICK TO [REDACTED] ⁰⁶ AS COUSIN IF EVER ASKED. HE VOLUNTEERED TO CALL [REDACTED] (WHOSE NAME HE DOES NOT KNOW), IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS SON, AND INTRODUCE BADENDICK AS COUSIN, WHICH OFFER BADENDICK DECLINED WITH THANKS.

5. PARTING WAS VERY AMICABLE, WITH SON EXPRESSING HOPE THEY COULD MEET AGAIN FOR ANOTHER CHAT SOMETIME. WISH REITERATE PARA 8 REF. ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER SECURITY CONCERNS IN THIS CASE.

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